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Nanal and other growth is being uprooted in the various shoals up to the anicut and the soil loosened to encourage the scouring action of flood water.

(c) There has been no such correspondence recently.

Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU NAYUDU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether there was any correspondence at any time and, if so, whether he will be pleased to place it on the table of the House ? "

11-30
a.m.

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I believe there was some discussion at the time when the railway bridge was being constructed but I do not remember to have seen any correspondence about it. The hon. Member will find considerable information in a note on this subject which was placed on the table of the House in answer to a question about the 1st of February 1929."

Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU NAYUDU :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether Government do not apprehend danger to irrigation by the continual silting up due to the existence of the railway bridge at the present place ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I cannot say it is due to that. The silting up is probably due more to the anicut than to the railway bridge."

Investigation of irrigation schemes in Malabar.

* 1748 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of initiating in the district of Malabar any irrigation scheme ;

(b) if so, when, and what became of the scheme, and if not, why not ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to consider the question of introducing an irrigation scheme in the district in the near future ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A list^a of schemes which were investigated since 1903 but abandoned is annexed.

(c) The Government have no scheme under consideration at present.

Land Revenue

Exemption from payment of water-rates in the Periyar system.

* 1749 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the Council table—

(a) all their orders from 1921 till 1929 regarding exemption from payment of water-rates and land revenues ;

(b) the number of pattadars of depressed classes in Nellore, Kistna and other northern districts ;

(c) the extent of land so exempted ; and